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In re application of: Stephen Smith
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Group No. 2756
Title: **ONLINE SYSTEM AND METHOD OF LOCATING CONSUMER
PRODUCT HAVING SPECIFIC CONFIGURATIONS IN THE
ENTERPRISE PRODUCTION PIPELINE AND INVENTORY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility continuation patent application entitled *Online System and Method of Locating Consumer Product Having Specific Configurations in the Enterprise Production Pipeline and Inventory* by Stephen Smith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended at page 1, line 10 as follows. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the specification.

RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial number 09/561,644, filed May 2, 2000, and entitled *Method and System for Configuring and Ordering Consumer Product*, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial number 60/163,755, filed November 5, 1999, and entitled *Automotive Internet Business*

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